

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/617,455 Confirmation No. 3240  
Applicants : Yingyong Qi, Yushi Tien and Ning Bi  
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Customer No. : 23696

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted with a request for continued examination (RCE) filing, and constitutes the required submission.

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 20, 2008, the time for responding having been extended until December 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.